REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending in this application. Claim 2 is canceled by the present response without prejudice. Claims 8-14 are allowed. Claims 1, 4, and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Miyatsuji et al. (IEEE 1996). Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were noted as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

Initially, applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 and of the allowance of claims 8-14.

The present response is submitted to place the present application in condition for allowance based on the indication of allowable subject matter.
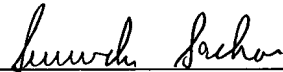
More specifically, by the present response claim 1 is amended to now incorporate the limitations from dependent claim 2. Thus, amended independent claim 1 corresponds to previously pending dependent claim 2 rewritten in independent form. That subject matter was noted as allowable in the outstanding Office Action.

Thus, by the present response amended independent claim 1, and claims 3-7 dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable. Claims 8-14 have already been indicated as allowed. Thus, by the present response each of the claims is believed to recite subject matter indicated as allowable in the outstanding Office Action.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the

present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested

that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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